AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SHERIFF OF FREDERICK COUNTY AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE 102A

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

PREAMBLE

This AGREEMENT, made this ____day of ____, 2016 between the Sheriff of Frederick County, Maryland, hereinafter referred to as the "Sheriff" and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102A, hereinafter referred to, as the "FOP 102A" shall be effective as of July 1, 2016.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff and the FOP 102A, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained, do hereby agree that the terms of the Agreement are as follows:

RECOGNITION AND UNIT DESCRIPTION

- (a) The Sheriff recognizes the FOP 102A as the exclusive representative of the members of the bargaining unit, for the purpose of negotiating collectively with the Sheriff pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, § 2-309(l)(6), with respect to wages and benefits.
- (b) The bargaining unit shall consist of all full-time correctional officers (hereinafter "Employees" or "Employees") at the rank of Sergeant and below.
- (c) The Annotated Code of Maryland, Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, § 2-309(l)(6) provides that any additional funding required as a result of a negotiated collective bargaining agreement is subject to approval by the County Governing Body. The law does not allow Frederick County correctional officers to engage in a strike. The law took effect July 1, 2006.

VOLUNTARY DEDUCTION OF UNION FEES

No employee shall be required to join or not join the FOP 102A. Employees in the bargaining unit may submit signed authorization for the Frederick County Government to deduct union fees from their biweekly pay.

COMPENSATION

1.1 Field Training Pay Differential

Correctional officers at or below the rank of sergeant who are certified field training officers, shall receive a field training pay differential of \$1.25 for each hour of training while assigned as a F.T.O.

1.2 Uniform Cleaning Allowance

Correctional officers shall be compensated \$450.00 paid in two installments of \$225.00 each year for the purpose of maintaining issued departmental uniforms. However, if the amount increases in any other department within the Sheriff's Office the above stated amount will also increase to reflect that of the higher amount.

1.3 Pay Increase

Subject to final approval of the FY17 budget, the existing wage scale will be adjusted, effective July 1, 2016, by the proposed 9% market adjustment, if approved and funded by the Frederick County budget. The attached pay scale, titled FCSO Uniformed Corrections Pay Scale with 9% Market Adjustment effective July 1, 2016 reflects the pay scale if a 9% market adjustment is approved. If the 9% market adjustment is approved and funded, there will be no cost of living adjustment, if one is funded, and no step increases during fiscal year 2017. Employees will remain in the step they were in as of June 30, 2016.

For fiscal year 2018, if County employees are given pay increases or cost of living adjustments for FY18, members of the bargaining unit shall be eligible for step increases, if applicable, and will be eligible for any cost of living adjustment that is given to be applied to their current pay scale. It is not now known whether funding for any pay increases or cost of living adjustments for bargaining unit members will be allocated by the County. Unless the County authorizes and approves a budget that includes additional funding for pay increases or cost of living adjustments for bargaining unit members for fiscal year 2018, employees will remain in the step on the approved pay scale that they were in on June 30, 2017.

For fiscal year 2019, if County employees are given pay increases or cost of living adjustments for FY19, members of the bargaining unit shall be eligible for step increases, if applicable, and will be eligible for any cost of living adjustment that is given to be applied to their current pay scale. It is not now known whether funding for any pay increases or cost of living adjustments for bargaining unit members will be allocated by the County. Unless the County authorizes and approves a budget that includes additional funding for pay increases or cost of living adjustments for bargaining unit members for fiscal year 2019, employees will remain in the step on the approved pay scale that they were in on June 30, 2018.

In the event that Frederick County decides, either in FY18 or FY19, to impose any sort of salary reduction or other wage reduction for Frederick County employees, or to impose furloughs for Frederick County employees, then the wages for affected bargaining unit members, as shown on the approved pay scale will be reduced, in accordance with the decisions of the Frederick County.

Frederick County plans to conduct a comparative market survey of wages in comparable positions and venues every three years prior to negotiation of the Agreement. This will be conducted for the purpose of competitive analysis and does not, in any way, guarantee an adjustment to the pay scale.

1.4 Range Time on Day Off

Correctional officers who are assigned to perform duties at the firearms training range on a regularly scheduled day off shall be compensated for a minimum of two (2) hours.

1.5 Forty-five Minute Break

Correctional officers at or below the rank of sergeant assigned to a twelve (12) hour shift shall receive a minimum of one (1) forty-five minute break and one (1) ten minute break. The parties agree that Maryland -law does not require breaks in excess of 20 minutes to be paid, however, employees will continue to be paid for 10.8 minutes of the forty-five minute break period. This is intended in part to offset the 10 minute briefing that employees attend immediately prior to the beginning of each shift.

1.6 Union Leave

The Sheriff shall annually grant the FOP Eighty (80) hours of paid leave ("FOP Leave") to conduct Lodge business. Usage of union leave by an employee must be approved in writing by the FOP President or his designee and approved by the Division Commander of the employee requesting union leave. "Lodge business" as used in this section means legitimate business activities directly involved in representing bargaining unit members, such as: attending conferences and training, participating in collective bargaining, and meeting with represented employees to discuss collective bargaining matters. It does not include any events or activities that are primarily social, athletic or recreational in nature, or activities that involve the repair, upkeep, maintenance or construction of the Lodge's premises, grounds or buildings.

1.7 Shift Differential Pay

Correctional officers at or below the rank of sergeant shall receive a shift differential at the same rate paid to Patrol Division employees within the department, for all hours worked, excluding overtime hours, between 8 pm and 8 am. That is currently five percent (5%) of the Deputy Sheriff's base salary hourly rate (Step 1). The amount will automatically increase at such time as the Deputy Sheriff base salary (Step 1) on the pay scale increases. The Sheriff has the authority to grant shift differential pay outside of these times, at his discretion.

SAVINGS CLAUSE

Any Article or Section of this Agreement found to be in conflict with any law, ordinance, statute, or government regulation or declared invalid by decree of a court of competent jurisdiction will be void ab initio and the parties will enter into negotiations for a substitute provision. All other Articles and Sections of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect for the duration of the Agreement.

CONTINUATION OF HEALTH COVERAGE CONTRIBUTION RATIOS

Frederick County Government offers group medical insurance coverage to its eligible employees and their eligible dependents. The County calculates a dollar amount equal to 85% of the

premium cost of each coverage level in the in-network-only health plan, and contributes that dollar amount toward full-time, regular employee coverage in all plans, subject to a minimum employee deduction for each coverage level.

The basis for calculating costs was approved by the County, and any future change to the funding formula is subject to the County's approval.

DURATION AND FINALITY OF AGREEMENT

- (a) This agreement shall become effective as of July 1, 2016 and remain in full force and effective until June 30, 2019.
- (b) It is understood that this Agreement can only be added to, amended, or modified by a document, in writing, signed by both parties through their duly authorized representatives, after negotiations mutually agreed to by the Sheriff and the FOP 102A.
- (c) The parties shall reopen negotiations for a successor agreement not later than January 15, 2019.
- (d) In the event that the parties do not agree on a successor agreement by June 30, 2019, then this agreement shall expire; it will not bind the parties in any manner and it shall have no legal force or effect. If that happens, the Sheriff will not be obligated in any manner to maintain the "status quo" created under this agreement or comply with any provision in it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement, this _/y-lu day of _May_, 2016.

FOR THE FREDERICK COUNT SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

SHERIFF CHARLES A. JENKINS

FOR THE FOP 102A:

PRESIDENT

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